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	Examiner Wesley L. Kim	Art Unit 2688	

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,3-8 and 10-12 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,3-8 and 10-12 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 November 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/15/05.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is in response to Amendment filed on 11/15/05.

- Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-12 are currently amended.
- Claims 2 and 9 are cancelled.
- Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-12 are pending in the Current Office Action.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1, 3-8, and 10-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection, however the examiner will address the use of Mishra in the current Non-Final Action. The examiner notes that the previous office action stated that Mishra was silent on the utilization factor being determined by detecting time intervals in which the user does not exploit the transmission capacity allocated to him and then uses Mishra in a 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection to reject the same limitation. Upon examination of the Mishra reference, the examiner feels that he overlooked the teaching in the Mishra reference and therefore is using to rejection the limitation "...utilization factor is determined by detecting time intervals in which the user does not exploit the transmission capacity allocated to him".

The applicant notes that Mishra does not determine the utilization factor based on the number of time intervals without or with reduced communication, but based on other conditions.

The examiner respectfully disagrees. The claims of the present invention do not specify that the utilization factor is based on the number of time intervals without or with

reduced communication. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993), additionally, from Col.3;52-64 and Col.4;12-13 and Col.4;24-27, the actual rate of a connection (i.e. utilization factor) is determined based on time periods where the bandwidth is not utilized, i.e. long idle times effect the average resulting in decreased utilization.

Drawings

The corrected drawings were received on 11/15/05. The examiner accepts these drawings.

Claim Objections

The examiner notes that the previous objection to claim 12 has been cleared up in the Amendment submitted on 11/15/05, therefore the examiner withdraws the previous objection to claim 12.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1,3, 8, 10, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mishra et al (U.S. Patent 5805599).

Regarding Claim 1 and 8, Mishra et al (Mishra) teaches, a method for allocating radio resources (Col.1;65-Col.2;2, allocate channels) of a radio communication network

(Col.2:67-Col.3:9, cellular network) to a plurality of users (8, 9)(Fig.1;110 destination is a user and Col.1:65-Col.2:2, sources are plurality of users), where a user is allocated a certain transmission capacity (Col.1:65-Col.2:2, certain bandwidth), characterised in that a utilization factor relating to said transmission capacity is determined (Col.1:65-Col.2:2 and Col.3:50-56, switch determines utilization of available bandwidth verses the bandwidth actually used, the determined utilization is the utilization factor and Col.4:12-15, actual rate of connection is also a utilization factor) and the radio resources are allocated depending on said utilization factor where determining said utilization factor includes determining how much of said transmission capacity is actually used by said user (Col.4:10-Col.5:45, the utilization factor is used to determine the reduction of the allocation (ACR), which equals the actual newly allocated resource (Col.5:44-45 and Col.5:36-39)); and wherein, said utilization factor is determined by detecting time intervals (Col.3:58, i.e. period of time) in which the user does not exploit the transmission capacity allocated to him (Col.3:52-64 and Col.4:12-27, actual rate of a connection (i.e. utilization factor) is determined based on time periods where the bandwidth is not utilized, long idle times effect the average resulting in decreased utilization).

Regarding Claims 3 and 10, Mishra teaches all the limitations as recited in claims 1 and 8, and Mishra further teaches time intervals are detected, in which the user does not transmit or receive any data (Col.3:52-64 and Col.4:12-13, actual rate of a connection (i.e. utilization factor) is determined based on time

periods where the bandwidth is not utilized, these idle time intervals are detected).

Regarding Claim 12, Mishra teaches all the limitations as recited in claim 8, and Mishra further teaches the device includes means adapted to determine a utilization factor relating to said transmission capacity (Col.1;65-Col.2;2, switch determines utilization), said determining means including means adapted to determine how much of said transmission capacity is actually used by said user (Col.1;65-Col.2;2 and Col.3;50-56, switch determines utilization of available bandwidth verses the bandwidth actually used).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mishra et al (U.S. Patent 5805599) in view of Eriksson (U.S. Pub 2003/0103478 A1).

Regarding Claim 4, Mishra teaches all the limitations as recited in Claim 3, however Mishra is silent on the time intervals being detected by directly monitoring a radio interface of the radio communication network and detecting time periods without any data throughput.

Eriksson teaches the first layer of the OSI mode is used for the transmission of bit streams (Par.4) and the bit streams are transmitted from the

base station to a mobile phone (Par.5 and Fig.1). One of ordinary skill in the art would envision monitoring the base station because it is the source at which the data stream is transmitted and it would be preferable to measure the parts of the data stream which contain unused segments of data at the point of transmission rather than while the data stream is being transmitted in the air interface.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Mishra, such that the time intervals being detected by directly monitoring a radio interface of the radio communication network and detecting time periods without any data throughput, to provide a method of measuring unused segments of the data stream quickly and quickly reallocate those unused segments throughout the network.

Regarding Claim 5, Mishra teaches all the limitations as recited in Claim 3, however Mishra is silent on a multilayer protocol stack with a first layer is used to transmit data between a transmitter and a receiver and said time intervals are detected by monitoring said first layer directly in the transmitter and/or the receiver.

Eriksson teaches the first layer of the OSI mode is used for the transmission of bit streams (Par.4) and the bit streams are transmitted from the base station to a mobile phone (Par.5 and Fig.1). One of ordinary skill in the art would envision monitoring the first layer in the base station or mobile phone to determine the time intervals because they are the sources at which the data stream is transmitted and received and it would be easier to measure the parts of

the data stream which contain unused segments of data at the point of transmission or at the point of reception rather than while the data stream is being transmitted in the air interface.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Mishra, such that a multilayer protocol stack with a first layer is used to transmit data between a transmitter and a receiver and said time intervals are detected by monitoring said first layer directly in the transmitter and/or the receiver, to provide a method of measuring unused segments of the data stream quickly and quickly reallocate those unused segments throughout the network.

3. Claim 6 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mishra et al (U.S. Patent 5805599) in view of Agin (U.S. Patent 6564067 B1).

Regarding Claim 6, Mishra teaches all the limitations as recited in Claim 3, and Mishra further teaches the user is allocated radio resources by allocating a data transmission rate (Col.6;12-18, transmission rate is changed), however Mishra is silent on, said time intervals being detected by subtracting a target transmission time for transmitting a certain amount of data with said data transmission rate from an actual transmission time required by the user to transmit said amount of data, where the actual transmission time is measured and the target transmission time is calculated by dividing said amount of data by said data transmission rate.

Agin teaches of transmissions of data interrupted by transmission gaps (i.e. segments when no data is transmitted) and the transmission rate is increased to compensate for the effects of the transmission gaps in order to meet the quality of service (Abstract). To one of ordinary skill in the art it is obvious that the time interval of the transmission gap is determined so that the transmission rate can be increased to accommodate for the transmission game so the quality of service can be met. The reference does not provide how this time interval is determined however, it is obvious that a time interval is determined and further, the current claim does not lend any reasons why the determination of the time interval by subtracting an actual transmission time from an expected time is advantageous over another method.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Mishra, such that said time interval is determined, to provide a method for reallocating resources accordingly, throughout the network, so that a set quality of service may be met.

4. Claims 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mishra et al (U.S. Patent 5805599) in view of Zellner et al (U.S. Patent 6069882).

Regarding Claims 7 and 11, Mishra teaches all the limitations as recited in claims 1 and 8, respectively, however Mishra is silent on the transmission capacity allocated to the user comprising several transmission channels and the utilization factor is determined separately for each transmission channel.

Zellner et al teaches a user may be assigned multiple channels (Col.9:34-36)

Mishra teaches the utilization factor for the totality of transmission channels is determined (Col.4:12-13) but not for each individual channel, however the examiner notes that the determination of the utilization for each individual channel is a sub-step of the determination of the utilization factor for the totality of transmission channels and Mishra is merely reaching the end result in a quicker fashion. The current claim does not provide a reason why the determination of the utilization factor for each channel is advantageous over the determination of the utilization factor for the totality of channels.

It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Mishra, such that the transmission capacity allocated to the user comprise several transmission channels and the utilization factor is determined separately for each transmission channel, to provide a method of determining the utilization factor for the totality of channels in a step by step fashion.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wesley L. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-7867. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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